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REMARKS

The indication that claims 95 and 97 recite allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated. These claims are now presented as new claims as claims 128 and 129.

Claims 68, 83–84, 89-90, 96 and 98-99 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. This action has been taken. Thus, claim 68 is now independent claim 102; other new independent claims are: claim 117 (formally 83), claim 118 (formally 84), claim 122 (formally 89), claim 123 (formally 90), claim 130 (formally 98) and claim 131 (formally 99).

The rejection of claims 66-67, 69-82, 85-88 (note claim 87 was previously cancelled) and 91-94 (now claims 100-101, 103-116 119-121 and 124127) under the judicially created doctrine of obvious type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 5-15, 18 27-28 and 30-32 of US patent No 6,599,781 to Li is rendered moot in view of the terminal disclaimer attached.

In view of the amendments, terminal disclaimer attached and remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and favorable action thereon.

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Five independent claims were presented in the application as originally filed along with 65 total claims. Ten independent claims are now pending along with 32 total claims. Thus, fees for five extra independent claims along with the fee for the terminal disclaimer are to be charged to the undersign's deposit account. Any fee not covered and required for entry of this amendment should be charged to the undersign's deposit account 50-1770.

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Attachments: Change of Address, fee schedule sheet, terminal disclaimer

The Undersigned certifies that this amendment was filed by facsimile on January 18, 2004, to 703 872-9306 along with a terminal disclaimer and fee payment

schedule

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